

REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Auditors, Overseer of the Poor

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CAMPTON,

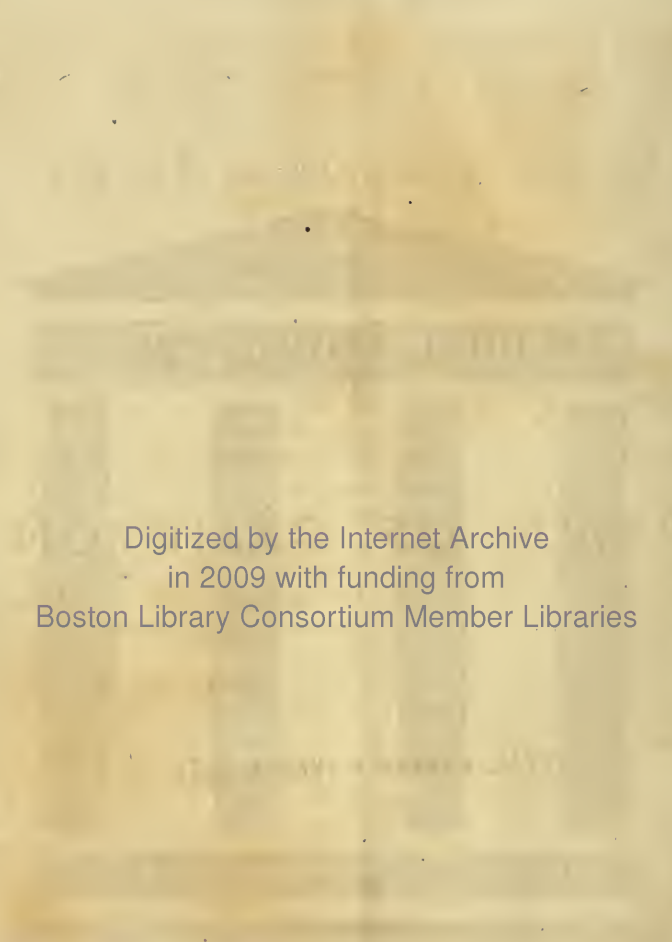
FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

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REPORT.

Receipts.

1870.	<i>Cash and Notes given.</i>	
March 1.	By cash on hand March 1, 1870,	\$2,227.76
19.	of Caleb Ames' estate,	302.70
Apr. 11.	James M. Hart, gave note,	375.00
	Lorette Leavitt, " "	87.02
May 7.	J. G. Burbank, for wood,	2.00
21.	Geo. W. Wallace, gave note,	475.00
June 23.	Julia A. Marsh, " "	100.00
July 1.	David B. Pulsifer, " "	100.00
2.	State Treasurer, bounty on two wild cats,	2.00
4.	Susan Hodgdon, gave note,	55.40
June 15.	Stephen Leavitt, " "	50.00
July 8.	Henry Kelley, " "	54.00
	Jasper E. Hill, " "	45.00
12.	Mary E. Blair, " "	200.00
	Sarah E. Blair, " "	100.00
30.	Moses Spokesfield, " "	100.00
5.	T. S. Pulsifer, " "	100.00
Aug. 3.	Nancy York, " "	400.00
8.	Eliza Glines, " "	50.00
24.	John S. Bump, " "	141.83
8.	Emily N. Morrison, " "	100.00
	Mary J. Morrison, " "	100.00
	Frank L. Morrison, " "	100.00
	Joseph W. Morrison, " "	100.00
	J. Weld Morrison, " "	248.38
	A. B. Morrison, " "	421.53
	Thomas J. Sanborn, " "	215.94

Aug. 12.	By cash	Daniel C. Hill,	gave note,	260.00
Sept. 3.		Lyman Avery,	"	575.00
Aug. 3.		A. A. Marden,	"	106.36
Sept. 10.		Phebe Clark,	"	100.00
12.		Langdon Foss,	"	120.00
15.		Gilman Cook,	"	106.20
		Benjamin Stickney,	"	100.00
Oct. 1.		Abigail F. Dearborn,	"	200.00
8.		Alice B. Clark,	"	31.00
10.		David B. Pulsifer,	"	200.00
8.		T. S. Pulsifer,	"	200.00
Nov. 9.		Geo. W. Wallace,	"	50.00
11.		Newton Marsh,	"	200.00
15.		Jasper E. Hill,	"	200.00
18.		Nancy York,	"	100.00
Dec. 1.		Sarah E. Blair,	"	325.50
1871.				
Jan. 2.		David B. Pulsifer,	"	50.00
		David G. McGrath,	"	40.00
3.		Susan Hodgdon,	"	54.30
28.		Nicholas Brown,	"	606.67
		Langdon Foss,	"	60.00
Feb. 11.		John Adams,	"	566.00
		Sarah F. Adams,	"	180.00
28.		Ladies' Cong. Benevolent Asso-		
		ciation,		25.00
		Martha L. Pulsifer, gave note,		227.00
23.		David M. Moses,	"	50.00
25.		C. M. Bartlett,	"	800.00
		Henry Flint,	"	925.00
27.		Betsy Farrar,	"	100.00
11.		J. Cook,		100.00
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				\$12,911.59

*Cash Received on notes taken on sale of town farm property
Oct. 20, 1869.*

1870.

March 21.	By cash of John P. Smith, on note for		
	sale of town farm,		281.88
April 2.	S. N. Stickney,	"	647.00

June	9.	By cash of George W. Goulding, note paid,	38.67
July	4.	Luther Osgood, inds. on note,	50.00
Sept.	7.	A. L. Shaw, note paid,	49.77
		Horace J. Beede, "	129.90
Oct.	14.	John Moses, "	39.12
	15.	Charles G. Webster, "	53.00
	19.	Samuel Sherburn, "	20.02
		Geo. W. Merrill, inds. on note,	75.00
	20.	Jason Clark, note paid,	37.63
		S. C. Willey, "	92.75
		S. N. Stickney, "	134.00
Nov.	1.	A. W. Silver, "	39.65
		G. T. C. Smith, "	116.13
		C. C. Taylor, "	21.10
		S. J. Philbrick, inds. on note,	55.00
	3.	Archey Robie, note paid,	42.22
	10.	William Southmayd, on note for land sold,	7.86
	13.	J. H. Nights, note paid,	35.65
	14.	William Wallace, "	62.83
	17.	John Stevens, jr., "	18.90
Jan.	28.	Charles Calden, "	23.22
		Luther Osgood, balance on note,	1.86
Feb.	11.	Thomas Flanders, note paid,	7.81
		Gilbert W. Homans, "	24.73
	25.	G. L. Rogers, inds. on note,	11.24
		Hannah Shores, note paid,	16.23
		Joseph Cook, inds. on note,	114.01
		H. S. Chase, note paid,	68.66
		H. J. Beede, "	3.00
March	9.	Joseph Cook, Collector, 1869,	800.00
	24.	" " "	165.00
April	12.	" " "	95.00
	29.	" " "	215.00
June	23.	" " "	100.00
July	4.	" " "	50.00
1871.			
Jan.	28.	" " "	500.71
Feb.	18.	" " "	112.00
	25.	C. W. Cook, Collector, 1867,	5.00

Feb.	27.	By cash of S. N. Stickney, collector, 1868,	12.04
		Joseph Cook, " 1869,	676.70

2731.45

1871.

Jan.	3.	By cash of State Treasurer, Savings	
		Bank tax,	93.68
		Railroad tax,	60.86
		Literary fund,	96.28
		United States bounty,	192.00

442.82

1871.

Feb. 23.	By cash of W. H. Brackett, damage	
	done by dog to sheep,	6.34
	For old Iron,	14.00
	G. W. Keniston, overpaid	
	on coupons, town bond,	.56
	J. W. Morrison, error on note,	2.00

22.90

1871.

Feb. 28.	By whole amount of Taxes assessed	
	April, 1870,	11,239.80

29,667.40

Notes paid the past year.

1870.

Mar.	2.	To paid John H. Plumer, inds. on note,	
		Feb. 24, 1868,	\$50.00
	3.	Joseph Bickford, note and int.,	
		Dec. 10, 1867,	73.97
	3.	Joseph Bickford, note and int.,	
		Feb. 22, 1866,	30.09
	5.	Nancy C. Plumer, inds. on note,	
		July 2, 1869,	45.00
	19.	S. T. Page, inds. on note, Aug.	
		16, 1869,	50.00

Mar.	19.	To paid J. S. Bump, inds. on note, July 11, 1864,	60.00
Apr.	11.	James C. Mudgett, note and int., Dec. 3, 1869,	123.69
	11.	James C. Mudgett, note and int., Jan. 30, 1869,	250.42
	11.	Lorette Leavitt, note and int., Oct. 19, 1865,	45.43
	11.	Lorette Leavitt, note and int., Jan. 10, 1867,	34.21
	11.	Lorette Leavitt, note and int., July 20, 1868,	55.30
	11.	Lorette Leavitt, note and int., Sept. 28, 1868,	27.35
	11.	Lorette Leavitt, note and int., Oct. 9, 1869,	24.73
	12.	Charlotte Sanborn, note and int., Sept. 27, 1867,	899.23
	13.	Eliza Glines, inds. on note, March 28, 1868,	6.00
	18.	Sarah Cook, note and int., Jan. 4, 1868,	137.16
	25.	Phebe Clark, note and int., Dec. 22, 1868,	109.17
	25.	Phebe Clark, note and int., July 21, 1866,	125.75
May	2.	John H. Plumer, bal. note and int., Feb. 24, 1868,	310.90
	3.	Baptist Society, inds. on note, May 19, 1869,	6.00
	4.	C. G. Webster, note and int., Aug. 10, 1869,	104.40
June	6.	Emma M. Pronk, note and int., Feb. 19, 1870,	40.71
	6.	Percis Church, note and int., April 14, 1869,	106.91
	6.	Edwin Pronk, balance on note, March 1, 1869,	108.21
	29.	P. D. Hart, inds. on note, Sept. 20, 1869,	25.00

July 26.	To paid Charlotte Sanborn, inds. on note, Jan. 4, 1868,	150.00
30.	Abigail F. Dearborn, inds. on note, Feb. 5, 1870,	100.00
29.	D. G. Burns, inds. on note, July 11, 1868,	200.00
Aug. 24.	John S. Bump, note and int., Aug. 24, 1864,	141.83
8.	Olive B. Morrison, note and int., Oct. 20, 1866,	62.41
8.	Olive B. Morrison, note and int., Sept. 24, 1866,	648.38
8.	Olive B. Morrison, note and int., July 26, 1867,	208.82
8.	Olive B. Morrison, note and int., May 1, 1868,	212.71
8.	Olive B. Morrison, note and int., April 7, 1869,	153.53
13.	Charlotte Sanborn, inds. on note, Jan. 4, 1868,	300.00
13.	Sarah A. Durgin, inds. on note, June 7, 1867,	25.00
Sept. 3.	Lyman Avery, note and int., Feb. 6, 1864,	220.10
3.	Lyman Avery, note and int., Aug. 25, 1864,	142.02
Aug. 3.	Nathaniel Moses, note and int., Aug. 3, 1864,	106.36
Sept. 15.	C. H. Rogers, note and int., Oct. 27, 1869,	43.72
15.	Gilman Cook, note and int., Sept. 15, 1864,	106.20
15.	Emilie N. Morrison, note and int., Aug. 8, 1870,	100.60
Oct. 1.	Joseph W. Johnson, note and int., April 18, 1867,	165.07
8.	Seth Doton, note and int., Nov. 26, 1864,	703.90
17.	Charlotte Sanborn, inds. on note, Jan. 4, 1868,	500.00

Nov. 5.	To paid Geo. W. Wallace, note and int., May 21, 1870,	487.90
12.	Henry Kelly, note and int., July 8, 1870,	55.11
12.	Henry Kelly, note and int., Feb. 20, 1869,	276.57
17.	Mrs. B. B. Dearborn, inds. on note, May 17, 1865,	130 .
29.	Amanda P. Taylor, inds. on note, Mar. 12, 1864,	17.00
Dec. 12.	Flora A. Blair, note and int., Aug. 31, 1867,	205.50
22.	Eliza Glines, note and int., Aug. 8, 1870,	51.10
1871.		
Jan. 13.	Lewis Keyes, inds. on note, Dec. 1, 1869,	75.00
28.	Nicholas Brown, note and int., June 14, 1866,	392.87
28.	Nicholas Brown, note and int., Dec. 6, 1869,	213.80
Feb. 11.	John Adams, note and int., Feb. 25, 1865,	566.13
11.	Sarah J. Ward, note and int., May 18, 1869,	16.57
11.	Thomas J. Sanborn, note and int., Aug. 8, 1870,	222.52
11.	Lucy Burnham, inds. on note, Feb. 5, 1870,	116.00
11.	C. M. Bartlett, inds. on note, Feb. 24, 1868,	50.00
28.	Martha L. Pulsifer, note and int., Feb. 28, 1867,	227.82
20.	Stephen Leavitt, note and int., June 15, 1870,	52.04
23.	David M. Moses, note and int., Dec. 6, 1869,	26.76
23.	E. G. Foss, note and int., Oct. 3, 1865,	143.26
23.	N. Moses, note and int., June 6, 1867,	123.38

Feb. 23.	To paid George Spokesfield, note and int., Mar. 29, 1867,	101.00
23.	David Bartlett, note and int., May 4, 1869,	110.66
23.	A. A. Marden, note and int., Aug. 3, 1870,	109.23
25.	C. M. Bartlett, note and int., Feb. 24, 1868,	783.73
25.	Henry Flint, note and int., Dec. 24, 1865,	135.14
25.	Henry Flint, note and int., Jan. 8, 1866,	790.04
25.	William Morrill, inds. on note, Feb. 16, 1866,	20.00
27.	Betsy Farrar, note and int., Sept. 8, 1866,	105.92
27.	C. O. Stickney, note and int., Aug. 21, 1869,	69.17
27.	Joseph Cook, note and int., Oct. 15, 1867,	121.72
27.	Mary Frost, note and int., Sept. 23, 1869,	116.25
27.	Joseph Cook, note and int., Sept. 14, 1868,	460.90
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		\$9,361.12

Town Expenses.

1870.		
Mar. 5.	To paid Carter Foss for use of ropes and handspikes,	\$16.00
5.	C. H. Rogers' bill,	2.00
	Balance of lease money due last year,	4.07
13.	Stamps and express bill,	1.35
Apr. 11.	J. R. Davis, taxes and cost on D. Saunders' land,	35.56
May 5.	W. H. H. Allen, to enter claim in bankruptcy,	1.00
June 11.	McFarland & Jenks, for printing,	62.25
11.	D. L. Guernsey, bill for stationery,	10.26

June 29.	To paid G. W. Plumer, bounty on wild cat,	1.00
Aug. 29.	Wm. Leverett, for insuring Blair bridge,	32.59
1871.		
Jan. 2.	Insurance on town house, and express bill,	2.36
28.	David Bartlett, water trough,	1.50
31.	Joseph Holmes' bill,	8.00
Feb. 11.	W. Dearborn and Hardy Merrill, use of water troughs,	6.00
11.	C. W. Pulsifer, use of water trough,	2.00
11.	Stephen Avery, jr., " "	3.00
11.	Alonzo Keniston, " "	3.00
	G. C. Taylor, " "	1.50
	W. G. Brown, bill for taking care of town house, wood, &c.,	12.40
	J. R. Foss, bill for iron,	2.00
24.	For Town-officer for town-clerk,	2.75
24.	W. Daman, damage to plow,	3.00
24.	B. B. Southmayd, labor on Branch bridge,	2.00
25.	S. J. Philbrick, iron work on bridge,	1.50
18.	B. F. Stickney bill, labor and plank for road,	13.71
28.	P. C. Blaisdell, bill for plank,	9.99
23.	O. M. Page, bill for plank,	1.84
24.	A. Cook, plank bill,	4.95
24.	J. F. Merrill, plank bill,	1.98
24.	B. Stickney, breaking roads, March, 1870,	3.00
24.	D. Goodhue, plank bill,	1.14
Apr. 5.	Weare Leavitt, breaking roads, 1869,	7.95
Jan. 28.	W. H. Brown, breaking roads,	17.45
Feb. 25.	John Knowles, bill for labor,	11.67
1871.		
Jan. 28.	Franklin Spencer, breaking roads,	11.25
Feb. 11.	E. P. Hart, breaking roads, labor on highway,	13.94
May 16.	A. H. Cook, putting in culvert,	22.37
Jan. 28.	Langdon Foss, plank bill,	3.21

Jan.	28.	To paid W. H. Brown, plank bill,	4.15
	28.	Benj. Swett, " "	5.54
	28.	C. A. Webster, labor on highway,	5.00
	28.	Charles Calden, " "	18.11
Feb.	11.	M. Spokesfield, " "	6.00
	11.	Clark Hussey, labor on highway, and powder,	6.15
	11.	John S. Bump, plank bill,	10.13
	11.	D. B. Pulsifer, labor on highway,	1.00
	11.	S. C. Hill, plank bill,	7.31
	11.	S. S. Mitchell, plank bill,	10.62
	24.	W. Wallace, breaking road,	6.00
	25.	John Knowles, plank bill,	9.74
	25.	William Brown, breaking roads,	22.90
	25.	Daniel Wyatt, labor on bridge,	2.00
	25.	L. G. Smith, labor on highway,	6.00
	25.	N. L. Greenleaf, plank bill,	3.75
	25.	G. W. Merrill, plank bill,	24.07
	25.	A. H. Cook, plank bill, labor,	46.68
	25.	Archey Robie, plank bill, labor,	28.49
	25.	Charles Calden, labor on new road,	10.00
		Frank Malbon, labor on road,	4.82
		Nonresident highway receipts,	40.29
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			\$620.19
	11.	T. J. Sanborn, damage to horse and carriage,	10.00
	11.	E. R. Homans, damage to horse and carriage,	15.00
		O. M. Page, damage to carriage,	5.00
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			\$30.00

Town Officers.

Feb.	25.	To paid E. J. Young, services town clerk,	\$22.80
		Quincy Blakely, services as school committee,	50.00
		G. W. Keniston, services as trea- surer of com. on town bonds,	5.00
		I. L. Adams, services as auditor town bonds,	1.00

Feb. 25.	To paid C. M. Bartlett, services overseer of poor,	33.00
	C. A. Webster, services selectman,	62.00
	Alfred Cook, " "	53.00
	Joseph Cook, services collector, 1869,	125.00
	T. S. Pulsifer, services selectman,	116.50
	" " treasurer,	30.00
	Expenses of selectmen,	16.52
28.	C. Cutter and E. Dole, services as auditors,	4.00
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		\$518.82

Apr. 12.	C. G. Webster, damage to sheep by dogs, 1869,	5.00
18.	Moses Cram, sheep killed by dogs, 1869,	8.00
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		\$13.00

Feb. 25.	fourteen school districts,	1,200.00
	" " dog money, divided March, 1870,	45.93
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		\$1,245.92

	Interest on lease money in treasury,	12.39
	Literary fund received of State, as credited Jan. 3, 1871,	96.28
	Lease money in treasury, not paid last year,	1.63
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		\$110.30

Blair Bridge.

Apr.	To cash paid A. H. Cook, for lumber for Blair bridge, in part,	960.00
18.	freight on shingles from Wells River,	11.37
June 30.	American Bolt Company,	56.02

Aug. 22.	To paid H. C. & W. Welch, for shingles,	183.60
Sept. 17.	Mason & Fox, bill for nails, &c.,	50.93
Oct. 20.	Iron work for bridge,	37.03
	H. W. Merrill, building bridge,	1,180.00
	J. C. Blair, freight bill, and use of land to frame bridge,	18.00
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		\$2,496.95

Livermore Bridge.

Feb. 24.	J. Cook, agent to finish Livermore bridge,	768.31
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Town Bonds.

July 4.	G. W. Keniston, coupons on town bonds,	531.84
1871.		
Jan. 5.	G. W. Keniston, coupons on town bonds,	521.84
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		\$1,053.68

Abatements, 1869, 1870.

1870.		
Mar. 5.	Ozias Holmes, abatement on horse lost, 1869,	.40
1871.		
Jan. 28.	Peter Hanaford, abatement on ox and sheep lost, 1869,	2.88
	William Brown, abatement on horse and sheep lost,	1.25
	A. H. Lougee, abatement on colt lost,	1.08
Feb. 11.	W. Dearborn, abatement on horse lost,	1.86
18.	Joel Pierce, abatement on mill, damaged by freshet, 1869,	7.00
	J. R. Tomkinson, abatement on mill, damaged by freshet, 1869,	12.00

Feb. 23.	To paid S. N. Stickney, abatement on horse lost,	1.14
25.	B. F. Lovitt, abatement on horse lost,	.72
	Estate of S. Keniston, abatement on cow lost,	.84
	Jacob Avery, abatement, over-taxed,	9.00
	Warren Damon, abatement on cow,	.84
	Daniel Morrill, abatement, over-taxed,	8.54
	John Stevens, jr., abatement on sheep lost,	.26
	Moses Spokesfield, abatement on land,	9.00
	E. B. Ray, abatement, taxed in Ellsworth,	9.90
	James Littlefield, abatement on cow lost,	.75
	G. L. Rogers, abatement on horse lost,	.96
	Newton Marsh, abatement on school house tax,	3.09
	J. W. Morrison, abatement on land,	6.00
	G. W. Keniston, abatement on heifer,	.54
	A. L. Brown, abatement on lumber, taxed in Littleton,	27.32
	Charles Bagley, abatement on poll tax, worthless,	6.00
	John and John F. Coffin, abatement, by request, poor, taxes 1869 and 1870,	22.16
	A. Darling, abatement by request, poor, taxes 1869 and 1870,	12.32
Feb. 27.	Lorenzo Dow, abatement tax, 1869, paid in Center-Harbor,	12.52
	G. M. Homans, abatement, paid in Mass.,	8.06
	Abatement, taxes 1869,	20.83
	C. Sanborn, abatement, by request,	6.00
	C. H. Wilkinson, abatement, taxed for land he did not own, in 1869 and 1870,	34.20

Feb. 27.	To paid Daniel Saunders, abatement, land in Thornton,	28.15
	H. Bowles, W. Hardy, Patty Moore, and others, abatement, taxes 1870,	32.23
	T. S. Pulsifer, abatement, cow lost, 1869,	1.00
	abatement on ten dogs,	11.00
	E. Dole, abatement on cow, and Joseph Cook bill,	2.73
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		\$302.57

School House Taxes.

Jan. 28.	To paid S. S. Mitchell, school house tax, Dist. No. 5,	30.00
	C. H. Marsh, school house tax, Dist. No. 2,	200.00
Feb. 11.	S. T. Page, school house tax, Dist. No. 6,	270.00
	J. R. Foss, school house tax, Dist. No. 3,	150.00
27.	John Elliott, school house tax, Dist. No. 12,	400.00
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		\$1,050.00

State and County tax,	\$2,474.52
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Mar. 10.	C. M. Bartlett, overseer of poor,	10.00
May 30.	“ “	150.00
Oct. 24.	“ “	75.00
Feb. 25.	“ “	115.00
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		\$350.00

Uncollected taxes,	\$2,200.48
Dog tax, 1870,	93.00

Expense in suits Campton v. A. Page and others (not including Pike's bill).

1870.

March 19.	To paid C. A. Dole, as auditor in suits		
	M. C. Dole and others,	40.00	
	J. Burrows, bill as counsel in do.	509.75	
	C. C. Rogers, bill as agent "	125.00	
April 5.	Weare Leavitt bill, witness "	2.98	
25.	Nathaniel Spencer, " "	1.61	
June 6.	Wellman Cook, " "	4.71	
Dec. 25.	S. S. Mitchell, " "	5.68	

1871.

Jan. 28.	Israel Mitchell, " "	5.31	
	G. W. Quimby, " "	2.26	
Feb. 11.	T. J. Sanborn, " "	10.07	
Dec. 23.	Warren Damon, " "	2.38	
	Stephen Avery, Jr., " "	1.37	
	William P. Robinson, " "	8.65	

719.97

March 19.	Joseph Burrows' bill, in suit Campton v.		
	estate of Caleb Ames,	202.95	
	Cash on hand,	1,907.21	
	Whole amount paid out and cash on hand,	29,667.40	
	Whole amount received,	29,667.40	

THOMAS S. PULSIFER, } *Selectmen*
 ALFRED COOK, } *of*
 CHAS A. WEBSTER, } *Campton.*

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES CUTTER, } *Auditors.*
 ERASTUS DOLE, }

Campton, Feb. 28, 1871.

Resources of the Town.

Uncollected taxes, 1868,	193.72	
“ “ 1869,	277.49	
“ “ 1870,	2,200.48	
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On hand 800 Centennial Reports, 50 cents,		400.00
Emerson land, set off on execution,	110.00	
Emerson execution, on which is due, as per last year's report,	2,000.00	
Interest, two years,	247.20	
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Notes and interest to March 1, 1871, for sale of town farm property,		3,743.44
Cash on hand,		1,907.27
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Resources,		11,079.60

Liabilities of the Town.

Due on notes against the town, with interest to March 1, 1871,	43,656.88
Due on town bonds, March 1, 1871,	6,464.00
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	\$50,120.88
	11,079.60
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Debt of town March 1, 1871,	\$39,041.28

	School money by Tax.	Lease & Literary.	Dog money, divided March, 1870.
Paid District No. 1.	\$ 51.27	10.00	3.28
2.	160.42	10.00	3.28
3.	140.30	10.00	3.28
4.	130.17	10.00	3.28
5.	67.33	10.00	3.28
6.	92.35	10.00	3.28
7.	63.99	10.00	3.28
8.	83.58	10.00	3.28
9.	82.62	10.00	3.28
10.	64.16	10.00	3.28
11.	61.59	10.00	3.28

Paid District No. 12.	108.39	10.00	3.28
13.	44.39	10.00	3.28
14.	49.16	10.00	3.28
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	\$1200.00	\$140.00	\$45.92
Cost of Blair bridge.			\$3,350.00

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Of the Committee for Funding the Town Debt of Campton.

1870.	July 4.	Received of town treasurer,	\$531.84
1871.	Jan. 11.	Received of town treasurer,	521.84
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		Whole amount received,	\$1,053.68

Amount paid out.

1870.	July 4,	and since paid for coupons which became due July 1, 1870,	531.84
1871.	Jan. 11,	and since paid for coupons which became due Jan. 1, 1871,	488.70
Feb. 25.	Cash on hand,		32.58
	Paid town treasurer,		.56
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		Amount paid out,	\$1,053.68
		Amount received,	\$1,053.68

GEORGE W. KENISTON,

Treas. of Committee for Funding Town Debt of Campton.

FEB. 25, 1871.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

I. L. ADAMS,
THO'S J. SANBORN,

Auditors of the Report of the Treasurer for Funding the Town Debt.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Town of Campton in account with C. M. Bartlett, Overseer of the Poor.

1870.		Cr.
March 9.	By cash of Town Treasurer,	\$10.00
May 30.	“ “	150.00
	Left by Abner Buzzell,	1.10
Sept. 15.	County Treasurer, on order,	41.50
Oct. 25.	S. N. Stickney, for Bureau	
	sold in 1869,	2.50
	Town Treasurer,	75.00
Nov. 3.	County Treasurer, on order,	63.25
8.	Town of Laconia for support	
	of Naomi T. Danforth,	40.53
Dec. 28.	Wm. S. Bickford, balance	
	on account,	2.93
1871.		
Feb. 18.	Stephen Avery, Jr., for cow,	20.00
25.	Town Treasurer,	115.00
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		\$521.81

Town of Campton in account with C. M. Bartlett.

1870.		Dr.
March 9.	Paid S. N. Stickney, balance due on	
	last year's account,	\$2.52
	Ozias Holmes, for taking deposition	
	in 1868,	1.10
April 23.	C. B. Griswold, for copy of deed,	.75
26.	C. B. Griswold, searching record,	1.00
27.	I. S. Moses, for labor on farm, in 1868,	1.00
May 2.	Warren L. Durgin, for support of	
	Abner Buzzell,	18.00
	Dr. Wm. A. Smith, med. service	
	for Abner Buzzell,	4.75
	A. W. Silver, bill of goods for	
	Abner Buzzell,	1.28
	M. B. Holmes, as per bill,	2.00
	C. H. Smith, as per bill,	1.50

May	2.	Paid Mrs. Smith for making robe,	.50
		G. F. Blaisdell, as per bill,	1.75
	4.	Jacob A. Moses, for support of Abner Buzzell, and expense, as per bill,	83.88
		I. M. Merrill, for coffin for Abner Buzzell,	10.00
		John C. Thornton, as per bill,	5.50
		Dr. J. A. Sanborn, med. services for Mrs. Farrar,	11.00
		Dr. J. A. Sanborn, med. services for Phineas Edgerton,	2.40
June	7.	B. B. Southmayd, for hay for E. M. Moulton,	4.00
	29.	Mrs. Hadley, for making robe for Mrs. Farrar,	.50
		Mrs. Merrill, for cap,	.75
		Dr. J. A. Sanborn, med. service rendered Mrs. Farrar,	13.50
		Dr. J. A. Sanborn, med. service rendered P. Edgerton,	2.50
Sept.	17.	John S. Tufts, for medicine for P. Edgerton,	1.35
Oct.	1.	C. W. Cook, bill of goods for Mrs. Farrar,	1.92
		C. W. Cook, supplies furnished Phineas Edgerton, for support of Mrs. Farrar,	33.53
	6.	B. F. Stickney, bill of labor for P. Edgerton,	3.00
		A. W. Silver, bill of goods for Naomi T. Danforth,	3.03
	18.	John C. Thornton, services as sexton,	7.00
	20.	Edward Hodgman, for support of Naomi T. Danforth,	24.50
		Mrs. Dearborn, for nursing Naomi T. Danforth,	6.00
		Dr. Wm. A. Smith, med. service, for Naomi T. Danforth,	7.00
		Ozias Holmes, for taking affidavit,	1.50

Oct.	25.	Paid S. N. Stickney, as per receipt,	1.00
		Davis Percival,	2.00
	29.	Mrs. Hutchins, for nursing Phineas Edgerton,	3.50
		I. M. Merrill, for coffin for Phineas Edgerton,	10.00
		I. M. Merrill, robe, &c. “	3.88
		Dr. J. A. Sanborn, med. services “	9.00
		Dr. M. C. Eaton, “ “ “	4.00
		Joseph H. Brown, house rent “ •	6.00
		C. W. Cook, as per bill,	3.50
		Nicholas Brown, “	1.50
Nov.	19.	C. W. Cook, supplies for P. Edgerton and wife,	25.14
1871.			
Feb.	9.	Mason & Fox, supplies for E. M. Moulton,	4.67
	11.	D. B. Pulsifer, “ P. Edgerton, Davis Percival, for coffin and box for Mrs. Farrar,	6.95
			10.00
	16.	John P. Leavitt, for support of Mrs. Livingston,	52.00
		Dr. N. R. Russ, med. services for Mary F. Whitney,	25.00
	17.	E. T. Whitney, for support of for Mary F. Whitney,	12.00
	18.	David Bartlett, supplies for P. Edgerton and E. M. Moulton,	14.90
		Stephen Avery, Jr., supplies for E. M. Moulton,	5.75
	20.	Dr. S. W. Davis, med. services for Mrs. Livingston,	27.25
	35.	C. M. Bartlett, for postage and stationery, and for money paid out,	3.42
		Joseph Johnson, bill for E. M. Moulton,	3.95
		James Hart, for wood, “	12.00
		George W. Merrill, “	12.00
	28.	Cash to balance,	3.39
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			\$521.81

Having examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES CUTTER, } *Auditors.*
ERASTUS DOLE, }

Feb. 28, 1871.

Persons assisted the past year.

Abner Buzzell, Phineas Edgerton and wife, county ;
Naomi T. Danforth, town of Laconia ; E. M. Moulton and
wife, Mrs. Mary Farrar, Mrs. Augusta Livingston, Mary F.
Whitney.

Due from the county, \$130.00

*Campton Cemetery in account with John C. Thornton, Super-
intendent.*

DR.

1870.

May 7.	To repairing hearse,	.75
June 8.	Paid John G. Burbank,	10.00
9.	To labor in cemetery	3.00
Nov. 2.	To two days' work,	3.00
22.	To two days' work, with team,	3.75
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		\$20.50

CONTRA.

1870.

Aug. 30.	By cash of J. C. Blair, last year's superin't,	40.00
	By cash of John G. Burbank, in part for lot,	10.00
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		\$50.00

Amount due on lots sold the past year.

John G. Burbank, in part,	\$4.00
Joseph B. Rowe,	15.00
C. and T. Mitchell,	14.00

Number entombed and buried in the Cemetery.

1870.

Age.	Under 5 years,	5
	From 5 to 20,	3
	" 20 to 30,	3
	" 30 to 40,	1
	" 40 to 50,	1
	" 50 to 60,	0
	" 60 to 70,	5
	" 70 to 80,	5
	" 80 to 90,	2
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JOHN C. THORNTON, *Sexton.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Selectmen of Campton, N. H.:

GENTLEMEN—I present my report of the schools in town for the year past.

STATISTICAL TABLE.											
No. of District.	PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.	Term of School—Summer and Winter.	TEACHERS.	Length of School in weeks.	Wages per month, including board.	Whole number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending.	Tardy marks.	Dismissals.	No. not absent one half day.
1	D. B. Pulsifer.	1	Annie D. Huckins.	6	\$12.00	8	7	3	25	9	1
2	C. H. Marsh.	1	Eva S. Wyatt.	11.5	20.00	13	11	3	51	12	2
3	John R. Foss.	1	S. Kate Smith.	7.27	25.30	25	23	3	18	18	6
4	Hanson Chase.	2	Daniel F. Webster.	9	43.00	29	21	4	214	53	4
5	Samuel Mitchell.	1	Eliza J. Fox.	9.09	28.60	38	34	1	132	5	4
6	N. L. Merrill.	1	C. K. Miller.	6.5	39.00	36	28		98	41	5
7	Haram Crowell.	1	M. J. Morrison.	7.27	22.00	24	20	8	86	20	
8	Wm. P. Garland.	1	Clara Osgood.	9.09	33.00	28	24		95	62	4
9	L. G. Smith.	2	Ada E. Howe.	4	20.00	5	4		14	1	1
10	Freeman Avery.	1	B. N. Merrill.	7.27	22.00	7	6		62	5	
11	Wm. Brown.	1	Lizzie R. Cochran.	10.9	33.50	17	13	3	127	5	1
12	S. C. Willey.	1	S. Ella Sweet.	7	20.00	15	13		64	1	3
13	Archie Robie.	1	Augusta E. Johnson.	7.27	20.00	16	14		31	13	2
14	James Tompkinson.	2	Eliza A. Flanders.	7.27	15.40	21	17	1	17	17	6
			Ellen S. Bartlett.	9.09	26.40	23	21	1	39	9	3
			E. A. Bailey.	9.09	23.10	18	15	1	72	45	1
			Alice M. Avery.	13	24.73	22	18		177		8
			Clara Osgood.	13	22.80	16	13		50	9	3
			Jennie Chamberlain.		22.00	18	15		71	4	3
			Lizzie R. Cochran.	10	18.60	21	15		91	10	1
			Marietta Rogers.	8	20.00	7	6	1	10		2
			Marietta Rogers.	8.18	22.00	12	9	2	16	5	6

In district No. 1 the teachers, Miss Huckins, of Holderness ; and Miss Wyatt, of Rumney, were both inexperienced, having never taught before ; but both attained to a very encouraging degree of success, as to the order maintained, as well as the instruction given. Scholars quiet and studious. School larger, the winter term, than it had been for several years, numbering thirteen.

No. 2. Miss Smith, of Meredith, taught the summer term, is a teacher of excellent attainments, and apt to teach. Order and quiet prevailed in the school-room. Scholars were enlisted in their studies and to a good purpose. Mr. Webster, of Connecticut, teacher of winter school, is young, and this was his first school. He has a fine mind, and is conscientious in the discharge of his duties. His faults were mainly such as would naturally be corrected by increasing years and experience. Scholars generally progressed very well in their studies.

No. 3. Miss Fox, of Woodstock, taught the summer term—a first class teacher—cheerful and familiar with her pupils, yet always with becoming dignity. She preserved the best of order in school, and without much apparent effort on her part. Her method of conducting recitations—where so many of our best teachers fail—was excellent. Her aim seemed to be to have her pupils understand for themselves what they went over. Light gymnastics and singing were practiced in school—a good idea. Scholars generally applied themselves to their studies with commendable earnestness, and made true advance in knowledge. Mr. Miller, of Hanover, taught in the winter, who was evidently qualified, both as regards a knowledge of the branches pursued, and ability to govern ; but for some reason—what, I can not guess—seemed to take but very little interest in the school, and, of course, the school did not attain to any very high degree of merit.

No. 4. This district was fortunate enough to secure teachers for both terms with whose reputation they were well acquainted, —Miss Morrison and Miss Osgood—both having taught in town before—Miss O., the same school last winter. Whether or not they added laurels to their fame, it is presumed that they lost

none. Scholars appeared interested in their studies and in subjection to proper authority.

No. 5. The school in this district, when none are absent, numbers seven, was taught by Miss Howe, of Plymouth, her first school; her attainments and executive ability good. Scholars gave evidence of having been well instructed, and their deportment was commendable, and the progress made in their studies creditable to both teacher and scholars.

No. 6. Mr. Merrill had taught in town several terms before, but probably never with better success or with a higher degree of satisfaction to himself. Scholars enthusiastic in their studies, and made excellent improvement, that in reading, penmanship, and map-drawing, deserves special mention. Attention was also given to the development of the physical nature. Heavy gymnastics were practiced by the boys. Vocal music was also taught.

No. 7. Summer term taught by Miss Cochran, of Holderness, a teacher of fair attainments, faithful in the discharge of her duties. She gave general satisfaction. The winter term was the first Miss Swett had ever taught. She seems to possess some of the elements of a good teacher, and met with that degree of success which may encourage her to persevere in the vocation. School, as a whole, not very far advanced; made creditable improvement both terms.

No. 8. Miss Johnson, who taught the summer term, had taught in this district several terms before. There was no diminution of interest or success. Miss Flanders, of Rumney, taught the winter school. The school did not prove quite as successful as was expected; perhaps owing in part to several new scholars entering in the middle of the term, and partly, doubtless, this want of success is chargeable to other causes.

No. 9. The summer term was the third Miss Bartlett had taught in this district. She met with her usual degree of success. Scholars advanced, perhaps, a little faster in their text books than in accurate and practical knowledge of the branches pursued; still, on the whole, appeared very well at the closing examination. The winter term was taught by Miss Bailey, of

Rumney, who succeeded admirably in securing the good will of her scholars. School, when visited, was orderly, and gave evidence of having received correct instruction.

No. 10. Miss Avery, of New-Hampton, teacher. Accurate in her knowledge of the branches pursued, thorough in her method of instruction, and she applied herself faithfully to her vocation. At the closing examination, there were present several young visitors from out of the district, who, by their whispering, caused some annoyance; aside from this, good order prevailed. Scholars prompt in recitation.

No. 11. School was taught by Miss Osgood, who had taught it, with eminent success, several terms before, as she did also this term. Scholars were attentive to their studies, well disposed, and made good progress.

No. 12. During the year there has been built in this district a neat and commodious school-house, which, when the fitting up of the ground is completed, and the fence built, will be an ornament to the place. The style of this house—especially as relates to the clothes rooms—I would commend to the attention of other districts who may be thinking of building. The one term of school is now in session. Miss Chamberlain, of New-Hampton, teacher. She is understood to be giving general satisfaction.

No. 13. A good degree of progress was made by this school under the management of Miss Cochran, both as relates to education and general deportment, better, perhaps, than would be expected by those who know any thing about the school-house.

No. 14. This was a small school, and mostly small scholars, with an enterprising young teacher, Miss Rogers; her first attempt at teaching. Scholars quiet and orderly, and eager to learn, and made good progress in their studies.

While none of our schools have been perfect, some of them may have fallen but little short of it; and while no one has been an entire failure, some may have been but little removed from that. It is by no means certain that a school is a good one when the scholars generally speak well of it; nor is it by

any means certain that a school is good for nothing when the scholars speak of it as such. Their judgment is not always to be relied on in these matters. Still, it is no doubt always desirable for a teacher to aim to secure the confidence and good will of his or her scholars. But patrons of a school should form their judgment of the value of a school after personal acquaintance with the teacher and his method of procedure.

Prudential Committees have seemed, generally, to be more desirous than usual to secure competent teachers; in some instances have made great effort to do so. There is a noticeable tendency to employ persons too young for teachers; probably owing partly to the scarcity of older and more experienced ones, and partly because they can be secured at a less price.

In several instances parents have procured for their children different text books than those used in our schools, which has caused confusion in school and annoyance to the teachers. A little care would prevent this evil. Parents might also help to lessen the number of tardy marks and dismissals on the School Register, which, opposite some scholars' names, is unnecessarily large.

The law is assilient about the length of the school week and school month as it is of the school term. If I am correctly informed, the custom in all of our schools, from time immemorial, has been to regard five and a half days a week, and four weeks a month. But of late there has been an effort, on the part of some, to establish a different custom—to shorten the school week, which practically shortens the already too short school term. I find that in some instances, teachers have taught five days in the week and called it a week; in some, five and a half days and called it a week; and in some, six days in the week and called it one and one fifth week. In some instances the teachers have very coolly made this change on their own responsibility; in other instances prudential committees have consented to it. In nearly one half of the schools in town, this winter, five days have been reckoned a week, so far as teaching is concerned, though I believe not so far as board-

ing the teacher is concerned. In some instances the same teacher taught the summer term five and a half days for a week, and in the winter term only five days. A change which so materially affects our schools should not be allowed to creep in without some good reason. I hardly know what reason is offered for the change by those who would see it effected. I certainly fail to see any sufficient reason for such a change in our common schools; with the higher schools it might be different. If prudential committees desire this new custom to prevail, it may without effort; but if they do not, it may require some effort, on their part, to stem the current already set in, in that direction. I would say that in the statistical table, in this report, five and a half days are regarded a school week, and four such weeks, or twenty-two days, a month.

I would say something about teachers guarding the morals of their pupils, and looking after the school buildings and furniture to prevent their speedy destruction, had I not so frequently alluded to this in former reports, but with so little good result.

The School Registers have generally been correctly kept, so far as I can judge, and have been returned in good order, with one notable exception.

One of the most serious defects I have noticed in our schools, during the year, is in the method of instruction. Some of the teachers, while they seem to understand, tolerably well, the branches they attempt to teach, they do not seem to know how to teach. They do not teach the pupil so that he knows it for himself. Teachers, who themselves have been well taught, of course make the best teachers.

A want which has long been felt, will, I trust, henceforth, be met by the State Normal School, which is soon to be opened at Plymouth. It is expected that there, whatever else teachers may be taught, they will be taught how to teach. I would most earnestly recommend all persons—especially the young and those of little experience—who design to teach in our public schools, to secure to themselves the advantages of this

Normal School. Other things being equal, doubtless those who have been through the course at the Normal School will be preferred for teachers, rather than those who have not attended this school.

Respectfully submitted,

QUINCY BLAKELY,

School Committee.

CAMPTON, Feb. 28, 1871.

